

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as indicated below:

### **Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A lithographic process for producing ~~a one or more~~ microstructure[[s]] from an SU-8 photoresist, wherein the SU-8 photoresist has a thickness ~~in a range of 1.0 mm to 1.5 mm~~ ~~greater than 0.7 mm~~, comprising the steps of:

- (i) exposing a prebaked SU-8 photoresist on a substrate to light at a total energy density in a range of ~~about~~ 18,000 to 35,000  $mJ/cm^2$ , wherein the light comprises a combination of wavelengths including g-line (436nm), h-line (405nm), and i-line (365nm), and wherein the exposing further comprises:
  - (a) exposing the SU-8 photoresist to the light without a filter;
  - (b) exposing the SU-8 photoresist to the light with a first filter that filters ~~out~~ ~~about~~ 80% of the light at 365nm;
  - (c) exposing the SU-8 photoresist to the light with a second filter that filters ~~out~~ ~~about~~ 90% of the light at 365nm; and
  - (d) exposing the SU-8 photoresist to the light with a third filter that filters ~~out~~ all of the light at 365nm;
- (ii) post-baking the SU-8 photoresist at a temperature of at least ~~about~~ 60°C; and
- (iii) developing the SU-8 photoresist in a solvent,

whereby [[a]] the microstructure is produced.

Claims 2–8 (Canceled).

9. (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the SU-8 photoresist is an octafunctional epoxidised novolac resin.

Claims 10–14 (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the post-baking step comprises a two step procedure in which the photoresist is heated to a first temperature ~~of at least about that is in a range of 60°C to 70°C~~ and subsequently to a second temperature that is in a range of 90°C to 100°C. ~~higher than the first temperature~~.

16. (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method includes a step of rinsing the developed photoresist after step (iii) followed by drying.

17. (Previously Presented) A microstructure fabricated using the process of claim 1.

18. (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) A microstructure as claimed in claim 17, wherein the microstructure produced by the process comprises an aspect ratio of greater than or equal to 40:1.

20. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of (a) exposing the SU-8 photoresist to the light without a filter further comprises delivering ~~about~~ 1512  $mJ/cm^2$  to the photoresist.

21. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of (b) exposing the SU-8 photoresist to the light with a first filter that filters ~~out about~~ 80% of the light at 365nm further comprises delivering ~~about~~ 2268  $mJ/cm^2$  to the photoresist.

22. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of (c) exposing the SU-8 photoresist to the light with a second filter that filters ~~out about~~ 90% of the light at 365nm further comprises delivering ~~about~~ 3780  $mJ/cm^2$  to the photoresist.

23. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of (d) exposing the SU-8 photoresist to the light with a third filter that filters out all of the light at

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365nm further comprises delivering ~~about~~ 17010  $mJ/cm^2$  to the photoresist.

24. (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the light is UV light emitted from a high pressure mercury lamp.